

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PCT/EP2004/009937, FILED September 7, 2004

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made both to provide proper antecedent basis for the dependent claims, and to eliminate all multiple dependent claims (both proper and improper), thereby ensuring examination of all of claims 1-17 on the merits in the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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